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In re application of: Palczewski et al.)
Serial No.: 09/990,185)
Filed: November 21, 2001)
For: EXPRESSION OF POLYPEPTIDES)
IN ROD OUTER SEGMENT)
MEMBRANES)

Examiner: L. Chen
Group Art Unit: 1632

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 (a) REQUESTING
WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Applicants petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn. This petition is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f).

Although a Notice of Abandonment has not yet been received, the above-identified application will be inappropriately abandoned as of December 20, 2002, for failure to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2002. However, the application should not be processed as an abandoned application because Applicants did not receive the Restriction Requirement until January 8, 2003, due to an incorrect address on the Requirement. A search of the file jacket, mail log, and docket records for the above-identified application indicates that we did not receive the Restriction Requirement. For example, the last log entry on the docket record shows that

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Applicants recorded an Assignment on April 26, 2002, and that no petition to convert the application was filed although a PCT application was filed. A copy of the docket record for the above-identified application is attached herewith as Exhibit A. In support of non-abandonment, Applicants also submit herewith a copy of the Restriction Requirement that was received from the Examiner by facsimile on January 8, 2003 (Exhibit B), which clearly shows that the Restriction Requirement was mailed to the wrong address.

The attorney and law firm listed on the Restriction Requirement have never been associated with this application. All previous communications from the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application have been sent to the correct address in San Diego, California. As corroboration, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Filing Receipt (Exhibit C), Notice to File Missing Parts (Exhibit D) and Recordation of Assignment Document (Exhibit E) for this application, all sent to the correct address. Since Applicants did not receive the Restriction Requirement until after the final due date of December 20, 2002, the application should not be processed as an abandoned application.

In order to expedite processing of this application, Applicants have filed a Response to the Restriction Requirement concurrent with this Petition. A copy of the Response, filed today with the Commissioner for Patents, is attached herewith as Exhibit F.

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this petition. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0370.

Respectfully submitted,

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Family Name: Retinal Expression of GPCRs

Id	Title	Inventor(s)	Serial No	Filing Date	Country	Relationship of	New Status	Status	Patent No	Issue Date
16	570 EXPRESSION OF POLYPEPTIDES IN ROD OUTER SEGMENT MEMBRANES	Palczewski, Krzysztof Li, Ning Ballesteros, Juan	09/990,185	11/21/2001	United States	NEW	Pending	Pending		

Pending; IDS due 2/21/02; Foreign filing deadline to petition to convert to prov./file non-prov. App. 11/21/02; Publication? 5/21/03; Missing Parts/Sequences due 2/10/02 (ID=7/10/02); Missing Parts/Sequences filed 2/11/02; IDS filed 3/6/02; Recorded assignment rec'd 4/26/02; No petition to convert filed; Foreign filed w/PCT as FP-NS 5496;



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DATE MAILED: 06/20/2002

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



Office Action Summary

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address.
Period for Reply

Application No.	Applicant(s)
09/990,185	PALCZEWSKI ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
Liping Chen	1632

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133), which could result in a loss of patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 1-38 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage

application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

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Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-27, 30 and 36, drawn to a gene targeting construct comprising a rod outer segment (ROS) targeting signal, a vector or a cell or a gene disrupted mouse comprising the construct, classified in class 435, subclass 320.1, or class 800, subclass 13.
- II. Claims 28 and 37, drawn to a cell extract, classified in 435, subclass 325.
- III. Claims 29 and 38, drawn to a substantially purified transgenic polypeptide, classified in 530, subclass 350⁺.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

Invention I and invention II are two mutually exclusive and independent products. The cells of invention I can be used to make transgenic mouse. The extract of invention II can be used to isolate membrane.

Invention I and Invention III are two mutually exclusive and independent products. The cells of invention I can be used to make transgenic mouse. The protein of invention III can be used to make antibody.

Invention II and invention III are two mutually exclusive and independent products. The extract of invention II can be used to isolate membrane. The protein of invention III can be used to make antibody.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, because of their recognized divergent subject matter, and the search required for any group is not required for remaining groups, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(h) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(l).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Liping Chen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-4842. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 (Eastern Standard Time). Should the examiner be unavailable, inquiries should be directed to Deborah Reynolds, Supervisory Primary Examiner of Art Unit 1632, at (703) 305-4051. Any administrative or procedural questions should be directed to Patsy Zimmerman, Patent Analyst, at (703) 305-2758. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center number is (703) 308-8724.

The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1632.

Liping Chen, Ph.D.
Patent Examiner
Group 1632
June 14, 2002

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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

Krzysztof Palczewski, Residence Not Provided;
Ning Li, Residence Not Provided;
Juan Ballesteros, Residence Not Provided;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

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Projected Publication Date: To Be Determined - pending completion of Missing Parts

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Expression of polypeptides in rod outer segment membranes

Preliminary Class

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the reduced basic filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$324.
 - \$324 for 18 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1194.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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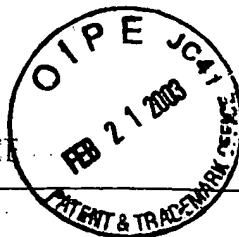
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ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment is made by Krzysztof Palczewski of Bellevue, Washington, Ning Li of San Diego, California, and Juan Ballesteros of Encinitas, California, Assignors, to Novasite Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Assignee, having a place of business at 3520 Dunhill Street, San Diego, California 92121.

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented a new and useful EXPRESSION OF POLYPEPTIDES IN ROD OUTER SEGMENT MEMBRANES for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on November 21, 2001, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, bearing Serial No. 09/990,185 and identified as Attorney Docket No: P-NS 4970;

WHEREAS, Assignors believe themselves to be the original inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in said application for Letters Patent; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to have a recordable instrument assigning the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any Letters Patent that may be granted for said invention in the United States and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the obligations to assign the invention and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors sell, assign, and transfer to Assignee, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, any applications entitled to benefit of priority to

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said application under Title 35, United States Code, Sections 120, 121 or 251, which include divisionals, continuations and reissues, and any Letters Patent that may be granted on said invention or these applications in the United States and throughout the world, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of the Assignee and to claim for any such foreign applications any priority rights to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise.

Assignors agree that, upon request and without further compensation, but at no expense to Assignors, they and their legal representatives and assigns will do all lawful acts, including the execution of papers and the giving of testimony, that may be necessary or desirable for obtaining, sustaining, reissuing, or enforcing Letters Patent in the United States and throughout the world for said invention, and for perfecting, recording, or maintaining the title of Assignee, its successors and assigns, to said invention, said application, and any Letters Patent granted for said invention in the United States and throughout the world.

Assignors represent and warrant that they have not granted and will not grant to others any rights inconsistent with the rights granted herein.

Assignors authorize and request that any United States or foreign Letters Patent granted for said invention, whether on said application or on any subsequently filed divisional,

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continuation or reissue application, be issued to Assignee, its successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire interest in said invention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignors have executed this Assignment on the date(s) provided below.

Assignor: Krzysztof Palczewski

K. Palusz Dec 21 / 2001
Signature Date

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COUNTY OF King)

On 12/21/01, before me, Krzysztof Palczewski, personally known to me - OR - proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

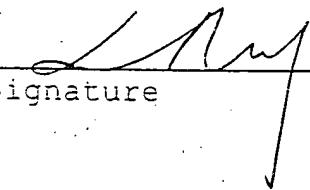
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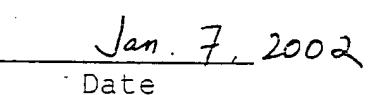
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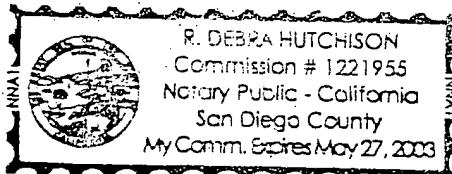

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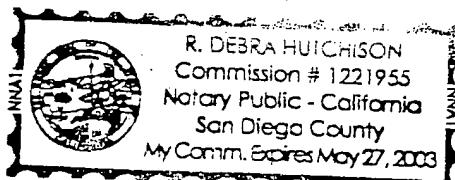
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he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized
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instrument the person ~~not~~, or the entity upon behalf of which the
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INVENTION: EXPRESSION OF POLYPEPTIDES IN ROD OUTER SEGMENT MEMBRANES				

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2002, with Exhibit A, in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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					SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	38	-	38	- 0	x \$9	\$18	= \$0.00	\$
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2002, consideration of the following Remarks is respectfully requested. A response to the Restriction Requirement was originally due December 20, 2002. However, Applicants did not receive the Restriction Requirement until January 8, 2003, because the original Restriction Requirement had been sent to the wrong address. Applicants are concurrently submitting a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment, attached herewith as Exhibit A. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending. The Examiner alleges that the claims are directed to three distinct and independent inventions as follows:

EXHIBIT F

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Group I: Claims 1 through 27, 30 and 36, directed to a gene targeting construct comprising a rod outer segment (ROS) targeting signal, a vector or a cell or a gene disrupted mouse comprising the construct;

Group II: Claims 28 and 37, directed to a cell extract; and

Group III: Claims 29 and 38, directed to a substantially purified transgenic polypeptide.

Applicants believe there is a typographical error in the Restriction Requirement regarding the claims listed in Group I. The Restriction Requirement currently states that Group I includes "claims 1-27, 30 and 36," however, we believe the Restriction Requirement intended to state that Group I includes "claims 1-27 and 30-36." Applicants believe the Examiner intended for Group I to include claims 30 through 36 because claims 31-35, which depend on claim 30, are parallel to claims 18-22 in Group I. In addition, in the current version of the Restriction Requirement, claims 31-35 are not assigned to any group. Applicants therefore interpret Group I as containing claims 1 through 27, and 30 through 36. If Applicant's interpretation of Group I is incorrect, then clarification by the Examiner and issuance of a revised Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

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Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement for the reasons stated below. Nevertheless, in order to be responsive to the Office Action, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1 through 27, and 30 through 36, directed to a gene targeting construct comprising a rod outer segment (ROS) targeting signal, a vector or a cell or a gene disrupted mouse comprising the construct. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims in a later filed application claiming the benefit of priority of the above-identified application.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement with respect to the division of the claims of Groups II and III from the claims of Groups I. Applicants submit that, while the claims of Groups II and III are patentably distinct from the claims of Group I, a thorough search of the elected claims of Group I will necessarily include a search of the claims of Groups II and III because the claims of Groups II and III depend on the claims of Group I. For example, a search of Group I claim 27 directed to a rod cell will necessarily include a search of Group II claim 28, directed to an extract of the cell of claim 27. In addition, a search of Group I claim 27 will necessarily include a search of Group III claim 29, directed to a substantially purified transgenic polypeptide isolated from the cell of claim 27, or from an extract thereof. Accordingly, Applicants submit that search and examination of Groups II and III with Group I does not pose a serious burden to the Examiner.

Moreover, the claims of Groups II and III, while patentably distinct from the claims of Groups I, are related such that the division of the claims into three separate groups will

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result in a duplicative effort by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Since joint examination of claims 1-38 will not result in a serious burden on the Examiner, rejoinder of Groups II and III with Group I, respectfully is requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell if there are any questions regarding this application.

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